

### **REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed November 28, 2007, in which the subject matter of claims 2, 4, 5, 9-12 and 15-18 was indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record, if rewritten in independent form. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of indicated allowable claim 2 (i.e., rewriting claim 2 in independent form), claims 4-5 and 15 are amended and claim 2 is cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-19 are pending in the instant application with claim 1 containing the subject matter of indicated allowable claim 2 and claims 3-19 depending either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1.

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 15 for the informalities noted in paragraph 1 of the Action. The foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 15 adopt the Examiner's suggestions to correct the informalities. Therefore, it is believe that this objection has been overcome and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

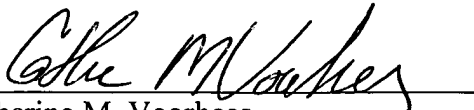
Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 of the Action. The foregoing amendments resolve the antecedent basis problems noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 4-5 are fully definite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and withdrawal of that rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejection of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 1 and 3-19 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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